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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:
 a housing sized to receive a non-human animal and to confine the animal during therapeutic treatment comprising a front panel, a rear panel, a bottom panel, and two side panels, the housing being sized to receive ~~an~~ the animal; and
 a drip bag support directly coupled to the housing; and
 a syringe cradle directly coupled to at least one of the housing and the drip bag support.

Claim 2 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
 a first top panel hingedly coupled to the housing; and
 a second top panel hingedly coupled to the housing,
 wherein the housing defines a top opening and the first and second top panels are selectively positionable to cover at least a portion of the opening.

Claim 3 (Original): The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a clasp, the clasp configured to secure a top panel in a closed position.

Claims 4-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein front panel defines a window, the apparatus further comprising a grate covering the window.

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Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:
a housing sized to receive ~~an~~ a non-human animal and to confine the animal during therapeutic treatment, wherein the housing defines a top opening;
a first top panel hingedly coupled to the housing; and
a second top panel hingedly coupled to the housing, the first and second top panels being selectively positionable to cover at least a portion of the top opening;
wherein the top opening is at least in part uncovered when the first and second top panels are in a closed position,
wherein the uncovered part of the top opening is disposed between the first and second top panels when the first and second top panels are in the closed position, and
wherein the uncovered part of the top opening is sized to permit a handler to directly touch the animal.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a fluid container support directly coupled to the housing.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a syringe cradle directly coupled to the housing.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:
a housing sized to receive ~~an~~ a non-human animal and to confine the animal during therapeutic treatment; and
a drip bag support directly coupled to the housing; and
a syringe cradle directly coupled to at least one of the housing and the drip bag support.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled).

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Claim 14 (Original): The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a top panel hingedly coupled to the housing.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the housing defines a top opening and wherein the top panel is a first top panel, the apparatus further comprising:

a second top panel, the first and second top panels configured to assume a closed position and wherein the top opening is at least in part uncovered when the first and second top panels are in a closed position.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a post directly coupled to the housing, the post supporting the syringe cradle.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the drip bag support is crook-shaped.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a post directly coupled to the housing, the post supporting the syringe cradle.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the drip bag support is crook-shaped.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a support apparatus directly coupled to the housing, the support apparatus configured to stabilize the housing when a drip bag is supported by the drip bag support.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the support apparatus includes at least one extendable brace.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

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Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a support apparatus directly coupled to the housing to stabilize the housing when a drip bag is supported by the drip bag support.